Sri K. MALLAPPA.—I am not aware of it.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Question hour is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY.
(but not taken up)

Fixation of support price for paddy, jowar, etc.

*Q—725. SRI SANJEEVANATH AIKALA (Surathkal).—
Will the Minister for Food be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Central Government have fixed the minimum "support price" to paddy, jowar, maize and other foodgrains for the year 1965-66 in the various States ;

(*b*) if so, what is the "support price" fixed to the paddy and jowar in Mysore State, for the year 1965–66 ;

(*c*) what is the procurement price fixed by the Mysore Government for the paddy and jowar, for the year 1965–66 ;

(*d*) what are the criteria involved in the fixation of "supportin price" and "procurement price" of the foodgrains ?

A.—Minister for food (SRI B. D. JATTI).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) *Paddy :*
Dabbanasala variety .. Rs. 36-50

Jowar :
Yellow .. Rs. 38-00

(with suitable discount for red and premium for white varieties).

(*c*) Purchase price is fixed as follows :

Paddy (per Qtl.)	*Raw* Rs.	*Boiled* Rs.
Fine ..	45–00	43–50
Mid-fine ..	42–00	40–00
Medium ..	39–00	37–50
Coarse ..	38–00	36–50
Jowar (per Qtl.)		
Red variety ..	48–00	
Yellow ..	50–00	
White ..	52–00	

A bonus of Rs. 5 per quintal of these foodgrains is also paid in addition to the Purchase Prices provided that the foodgrains are above the minimun specifications.

(SRI B. D. JATTI)

(*d*) The minimum support prices and the purchase prices for these foodgrains have been fixed by the State Government in consultation with the Government of India. While fixing these prices, several factors as noted below were taken into consideration :—

(i) the cost of production ;
(ii) the level of prices over a period of time ;
(iii) marketing and processing costs ; and
(iv) the interests of the consumers and the producers.

Scarcity of Kerosene.

*Q.—**580.** SRI R. KENCHAPPA (Pavagada).—Will the Minister for Industries and Commerce be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the scarcity of kerosene in rural areas ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that kerosene is being sold for sixty paise to seventy paise per bottle in rural areas ;

(*c*) whether they would make arrangements to provide sufficient quantity of kerosene to the rural people at reasonable rates ?

A.—Minister for Industries and Commerce (SRI K. MALLAPPA).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

Small Scale Industries.

*Q.—666. Sri BAPU RAO HULSURKAR (Hulsur).—

Will the Minister for Industries and Commerce be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Small Scale Industries started in the State for the last 3 years ;

(*b*) the facilities Government intended to give to attract the industrialists to start industries in backward areas of the State ?

A.—Minister for Industries and Commerce (Sri K. MALLAPPA).—

(*a*) 2,190.

(*b*) the facilities and concession extended to large, medium and small scale industries in Mysore State are indicated in the booklet placed on the Table of the House.**

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